

## ACTION ON PILOT BILL A SURPRISE

Attitude of Richmond Chamber of Commerce Astonished Some in Virginia Delegation.

NO OPPOSITION TO GLASS

Lieutenant-Governor Elyson in Washington in Interests of Jamestown Island.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—The action of the Chamber of Commerce of Richmond in endorsing the Littlefield and the Fry bills, which propose to abolish compulsory pilotage for vessels engaged in the coastwise trade, came as somewhat of a surprise to the Virginia members of Congress. Representative Lamb, however, had declared some time ago in favor of the bill, but the delegation will not be unanimous in support of the Littlefield measure. Representative Maynard, member of the Committee on Industrial Marine and Fisheries, opposed the bill most strenuously in committee, and did much valuable work for the pilots.

The National Association of Pilots, and the various State associations have had representatives here all winter opposing the legislation proposed by the Senator and the representative from Maine. They claim that the mere fact that the Maine pilots are fighting the bill is most significant, and indicates that, having got possession of all the coasting trade, the New England towing companies also propose to take over control of the towing business also. It is claimed by the pilots that a skilled pilot is often able to bring a vessel into harbor without a tug, whereas, a vessel without a pilot aboard is compelled to be towed. The towing business is now almost completely in the hands of New England and Northern men. Pilotage fees received about all that Southern ports get out of our coastwise shipping.

This is the attitude of the pilots, and is presented in a spirit of fairness, and not for the purpose of showing that the Richmond Chamber made a mistake.

Before Committees.

Mr. George Bryan, of the Richmond bar, appeared before the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce to urge the passage of the Townsend bill, making bills of lading negotiable.

Lieutenant-Governor Elyson is here today in the interest of the proposed appropriation for the purpose of protecting Jamestown Island and for the erection of a pier at the landing there. The total of the proposed appropriation is \$40,000, of which \$25,000 is to be expended for the wharf, \$10,000 for the continuance of the work of excavating or antiquities, and \$5,000 for including the old church, etc. Mr. Elyson, as representative of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, is very desirous of having the appropriation made, and it is regarded as very probable that Congress will take his view of the matter.

It is pretty well settled that Representative Glass will not have opposition for a re-election to Congress from the Sixth District. He received a letter to-day from Hon. J. P. Woods, of Roanoke, chairman of the Democratic District Committee of the Sixth, saying that so far as was known there would be no opposition. A difference of opinion would have been told had the St. Clair amendment to the districting bill been adopted at the last session of the General Assembly. The amendment proposed to add a number of counties of the Ninth District to the Sixth, and several aspirants to congressional honors would have taken ground in the Ninth, where, for obvious reasons, a Democratic nomination to Congress is not sought with great eagerness, and put into the Sixth, where a Democratic majority is always assured.

Pure Food Bill.

"I don't know about this pure food bill. A good one, but there are some things which the Senate has passed," said Representative Elyson to-day, shaking his head dubiously. "The general object of the bill, to prevent food adulteration, is a good one, but there are some things in the bill that cause me to think it may go too far. For instance, I notice that it prohibits the use of salted pork, and I have been eating ham on which salted pork was used in curing ever since I was a boy. If that salted pork provision is not eliminated I shall vote against the bill."

Captain Lamb does not intend to hurt the production and sale of Smithfield hams. Seriously, it is doubted whether farmers would be allowed to continue the use of salted pork in curing their hams. If the Hepburn bill were to become law, that is, the bacon cured in this way could not be sold outside the State. At any rate, Lamb proposes to stand for the salted pork ham.

There is small chance of Mr. Slomp securing the passage of his bill providing for two terms of the United States Court at Big Stone Gap every year. His attempt to secure unanimous consent for the consideration of the bill yesterday was defeated by the objection of Representative DeArmond, of Missouri, member of the Committee on Judiciary. Mr. Slomp endeavored to induce the Missouri representative to withdraw his objection, but to the clerk's desk a letter from Judge Henry Clay McDowell, who presides over the Western District of Virginia, which letter declared strongly against two terms at Big Stone Gap.

Democrats are opposing two terms annually of the court at Big Stone Gap, and claim that they are not needed, and claiming that the Republicans simply want to strengthen the Republican machine in Southwest Virginia by the addition of a small army of clerks and deputy marshals to the already lengthy



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list of Federal officeholders in the Ninth District.

It is hardly likely that the bill providing the two terms will come up at this session, and there is no likelihood of its getting through the Senate, even if it should pass the House.

Stuart Case.

The Senate Committee on Commerce has not acted in the case of the nomination of Captain J. E. B. Stuart to be collector of the port of Newport News. The stenographic report of the evidence taken by Commissioner Cooley, of the Civil Service Commission, when he went thither some weeks ago to investigate the case of Stuart, has been sent to the sub-committee, which is considering the nomination, but it has not been acted upon.

Senator Martin was back in the Senate to-day for the first time since his return from Albemarle, whether he was called back by the fatal illness of his mother. The Senator and Mrs. Martin returned Saturday night, but the weather was too inclement yesterday for Senator Martin to venture out, as he has not yet entirely recovered from his attack of whooping-cough, from which he has suffered more or less all winter. Senator Carmack, of Tennessee, who has been absent a great portion of the present session, defending his title to the seat in the Senate he now holds against the attacks of ex-Governor Bob Taylor, who is hot after it, was in his place to-day. He believes he will be re-nominated, but his friends are not confident. There is no use disguising the fact that every Democrat about the Capitol, almost without exception, is warmly for the return of Senator Carmack, who is one of the ablest men in the Senate, on either side of the Chamber.

It is whispered in the corridors among the friends of Senator Berry, of Arkansas, that he is as good as defeated for re-nomination to the Senate, and that the noted and notorious Governor Jefferson Davis will be elected in his place.

Curious Letter.

Congressmen get all kinds of letters on all kinds of subjects. This is one received recently by Representative Glass, which, while rather involved, leaves not the slightest doubt of the fact that the writer found himself in a perfectly receptive state of mind:

Honorable Carter Glass,

House of Representatives,

Washington, D. C.

Please send tobacco seed, as I am greatly in need of any sort of timely help like trees, plants or seed.

I tell you right now—with a new cow disease and all sorts of blight on all sorts of things, we are ready to go to the wall in sight. I am wretchedly, pitiful, poverty, plight, so send on your live stock: first-class horses, cows, sheep and trees, and the liveliest sort of doctor to find out the new disease that's killing my cows.

Respectfully,

NATIONAL CEMETERY.

One to be Established Where Remains of Andrew Johnson Lie.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The House Committee on Military Affairs to-day authorized a favorable report on a bill authorizing the Secretary of War to accept for the government tract of land near Greenville, Tenn., where lie the remains of Andrew Johnson, late President of the United States, and established the same as a National Cemetery of the fourth class.

Washington Affairs.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—Patents issued: Virginia—George H. Taylor, Norfolk, letter copying press.

North Carolina—John S. Chamber, Wilmington, throttle valve; Joseph Morton, Thomasville, plow; Richard J. Taylor, Come, fertilizer distributor.

Allen W. Brewer, appointed regular, Joseph Martin, sub., rural carrier route 1, at Irwin, Va.

Virginia postmasters appointed: Saint Elmo, Alexandria county, Fannie B. Clayton, vice L. A. Street, resigned; Yard, Fairfax county, Charles W. Butt, vice F. D. Moring, resigned.

Personal Notes.

Mr. John U. Smith, of Raleigh, N. C., is in the city on business.

Mr. Edward C. Fraser, who had an operation performed on him at the Retreat for the sick, is doing very nicely.

Dr. W. E. Evans, of Monumental Church, has returned to this city, and will conduct services at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

The Elks To-night.

Richmond Lodge, No. 45, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, will hold their annual meeting at the Elks Home to-night.

The election for officers will take place and several candidates will be initiated. After these exercises refreshments will be served. A large turnout of the antlered fraternity is expected.

Is an ordeal which all women approach with indescribable fear, for nothing compares with the pain and horror of child-birth. The thought of the suffering and danger in store for her, robs the expectant mother of all pleasant anticipations of the coming event, and casts over her a shadow of gloom which cannot be shaken off. Thousands of women have found that the use of Mother's Friend during pregnancy robs confinement of all pain and danger, and insures safety to life of mother and child. This scientific liniment is a god-send to all women at the time of their most critical trial. Not only does Mother's Friend carry women safely through the perils of child-birth, but its use gently prepares the system for the coming event, prevents "morning sickness," and other discomforts of this period. Sold by all druggists at \$1.00 per bottle. Book containing valuable information free.

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## BRIEF ITEMS FROM EVERYWHERE

NEW YORK.—Four men, driven by jealousy to murder, shot four women yesterday. Three of them died, and the women upon themselves. Two of the men and two women are dead. The others are expected to survive.

NEW YORK.—Expelled from public school for insubordination, Jessie McGregor, fourteen years old, went to her room in her home, the windows of which looked out upon the school, and killed herself. She looked the door, turned on the gas and laid down on her back, which she had placed that she might at the last look across into the windows of her school-room and see her playmates at their studies.

CHICAGO.—Demanding a change of venue, "Doc" Briggs, on trial for murder, refused to plead and the court it would have to try a deaf and dumb man.

OLEAN, N. Y.—Against the wishes of his mother, and being guided by his bride-to-be, J. M. Buck, the blind proprietor of a country store at Olean, N. Y., stole away from home and came to this city, where he and Miss Jane Kepler, a clerk Mr. Buck's store was married. Mr. Buck lost his eyesight several years ago in a mine explosion. He has never seen Miss Kepler.

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—The grand jury handed down three indictments against W. R. Kline, promoter of the Syracuse and South Bay Railroad, charging grand larceny and raising money. The alleged acts are in connection with the road in which Lieutenant-Governor M. Brown has over \$250,000 tied up. The road failed with over \$1,000,000 of debt.

PHILADELPHIA.—Probably having fallen in the road and then frozen to death, the body of Mrs. John Horn, aged fifty-five, was found near Mt. Carmel.

NEW YORK.—Angered at what he chose to consider a reflection by the court on the integrity of the general counsel for the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, District Attorney Jerome yesterday refused to take any further part in the investigation of the charges of bribery against Ambrose B. McCabe, one of the attorneys for railroad.

WASHINGTON.—Sir Mortimer Durand, the British ambassador, will sail from New York on April 28th for a visit to England. He will return here early in June, before going to Lennox, Mass., for the summer.

TOPEKA, KAN.—It is believed here that

## SPEAKER MAKES FIERY RESPONSE

Dramatic Scene on Floor of the House as Cannon Arose, Stung by Taunt.

HITS BACK AT SHACKLEFORD

Republicans Rally Around Chief and Applaud His Brief Speech.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The House to-day witnessed a most unusual scene, the Speaker rising on the floor in the midst of a spirited discussion on reciprocity and tariff revision and disclaiming responsibility for differences between minority members.

It was toward the close of the debate on the urgency deficiency bill which appropriates, among other things, for the forthcoming conference at Rio Janeiro, when Mr. Shackleford (Missouri), rose to explain what he intended saying last week in relation to the Missouri volunteers bill, when he was taken from the floor by Mr. Tawney (Minnesota), who objected to the personal character of the remarks. Mr. Shackleford read his remarks. He said that the bill introduced by his colleague (Mr. Rhodes), to pension the Missouri volunteers should pass.

"We're here—De Armond, Clark, Lloyd, Rucker, Hunt, Wood, Shackleford—all ready and anxious to vote for the measure. Take your heavy hand off the old soldier, Mr. Speaker, and let us vote for this bill," he said.

As he sat down with this utterance still ringing through the hall, Speaker Cannon, who had been ready to grant the request of his chief, Democrats crowded the aisles, and it was a highly dramatic moment when the Speaker, himself pale, replied:

"Mr. Chairman, just a second, and a second only. I have listened to the gentleman from Missouri, Mr. Shackleford, and it affords him any consolation to make me a stalking horse on account of the quarrel with the minority leader, well and good." (Applause.)

Mr. Shackleford, with deep feeling, replied:

"I deny, Mr. Speaker, my quarrel with you has any such foundation."

Rio Janeiro Conference.

A few paragraphs of the legislative appropriation bill were considered and the tactics heretofore resorted to by Messrs. Prince and Hardwick in defeating provisions by points of order, were resumed.

Mr. Littauer (New York) called up the urgency deficiency bill, and explaining its provisions, said that the first item related to the third international conference of American States, to be held in Rio Janeiro, beginning July 21, 1906.

"There is no authorization in law," said Mr. Littauer, for this appropriation, unless it be in the authorization of the second international conference.

Mr. Adams (Pennsylvania) spoke for the provision.

Mr. Williams (Mississippi) asked that the letters passing between Mr. McCall (Massachusetts) and Mr. Payne (New York) in relation to the tariff be printed in the record.

In the record, Mr. Williams remarked that the historic old State of Massachusetts, which has been calling for a revision of the tariff for years, had gone to the floor leader of the majority, asking for bread, and he had given it a stamp.

Where ideas are raised, would vote for a duty on them.

Mr. Fitzgerald (New York) offered an amendment providing that no part of the sum appropriated shall be expended unless it be in the purchase of goods for American conference shall contain a provision for the discussion of reciprocal trade relations between the country's participating in the conference. The amendment was lost 41 to 58.

The bill was then considered and passed.

The legislative committee and judicial bill was taken up when a half dozen points of order were made and sustained affecting the officers of the sub-committee at New York, Philadelphia, New Orleans and St. Louis, P. M. adjourned.

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President Roosevelt will soon appoint W. R. Stubbins, chairman of the Tennessee Commission of Railways, as Secretary of the Interior, to succeed Hitchcock. Stubbins is a wealthy railroad entrepreneur. He furnished the President with the evidence that started the best trust inquiry.

TOLEDO, O.—Mrs. Nicholas Longworth is to take part in the political campaign of Ralph D. Cole, representative from Ohio, in the district of Ohio. A reception and banquet last week Mr. Longworth signified his willingness to take the stump in behalf of Mr. Cole. The President's daughter promptly decided that she, too, would travel with the stumping party.

NEW YORK.—When Andrew Carnegie returns to his home in this city he will be asked to furnish the "money" to build a railway from the Bronx to Coney Island. The persons who are interested in subway development and who are opposed to giving the valuable franchises in the Belmont-Hogan syndicate, will appeal to him as the only man with the means to finance the subway plan.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Great property damage is being done in Southern California by rain. Thousands of acres of land being under water.

PERCY, OKLA.—Three persons were injured and thousands of dollars worth of property was destroyed by a tornado that struck the neighborhood south of Perkins, Okla. James Russell and wife were buried in the ruins of their home.

NEW YORK.—Like a voice from the grave comes an appeal on behalf of Japanese famine sufferers penned by Frank A. Vivanti only a few hours before his proposed death of heart failure on Saturday afternoon in an "L" station at Forty-second Street and Sixth Avenue. Mr. Vivanti was chairman of the Japanese Famine Committee of the Red Cross Society and had taken a leading part in the organization for relief of famine in Japan. He was reported to be starving by reason of the failure of the rice crop in the region dominated by the Senda Mountains.

ALLENTOWN, PA.—The brother and sister of Mrs. Johanna Benz, of Enns, who died recently, have filed a caveat against her will, leaving all her estate, valued at more than \$50,000, to her manager and bartender, Stewart Buck. The will has been admitted to probate, however, and the caveat is void.

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## ARE HOIST BY OWN PETARD, HE SAYS

Tillman Declares Moody and President Laid Down Doctrine of Immunity Themselves.

SHARP DEBATES IN SENATE

More Reference Made to Contributions to Political Funds. Amendments Offered.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—Mr. Tillman and Mr. McCumber divided the time of the Senate to-day, the North Dakota senator devoting himself to the railroad rate question exclusively, and the South Carolina senator discussing various questions.

Mr. Lodge presented an amendment to the railroad rate bill prohibiting rebates and discriminations and providing penalties for violation of the law.

The joint resolutions regarding the allotment of documents in the government printing office, and intended to prevent unnecessary printing and binding, passed yesterday by the House, were adopted without discussion.

Contribution from Banks.

Mr. Tillman presented a letter from Samuel Kinsey, of Carle, Pa., president of the Pittsburgh Standard Coal Company, who made complaint that the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati Chicago and St. Louis Railroad refuses to afford accommodations to his company's mines, thirty-one miles west of Pittsburgh.

In the same connection Mr. Tillman referred to his resolution concerning the contribution of national banks to campaign committees and made a reference to a report of the National Republican Committee on Finance and Credit, which was ready to be introduced.

He declared that "we are too infernally anxious" about this artificial man. He wanted the beneficiary looked after. No doubt, he said, the law was correctly interpreted by the court, and the trouble was that the law reformed.

"Now, there's Mr. Jerome," he said, "he, too, has fallen from grace and is out against reform."

Mr. Tillman quoted Mr. Spooner's recent speech and remarked that "too often point at some pertinent fact."

"The last cartoon I saw of the Senator from South Carolina," said Mr. Spooner, "showed him being kicked over by a donkey."

"The last I saw," said Mr. Tillman, "showed him riding the donkey, and the elephant tied to the donkey's tail."

Mr. Tillman declared that the attorney-general was the direct progenitor of the doctrine that the corporations could be punished but not their officers and stockholders.

He had laid down the principle in the case of Mr. Morton and the President had accepted the doctrine, both exclaiming: "He's clean and honorable, and should be immune; go after the dirty railroad."

Packer's Case.

The decision in the packers' case was a natural consequence, Mr. Tillman said, and the attorney-general had been "hoist by his own petard." However, he was afraid that we are trying to find some way of how not to do it in the matter of the railroads. He wanted it understood that he believed that such a course should be prohibited.

Mr. Walsh Bank in Chicago and also the situation in connection with the county treasurer of Hamilton county, Ohio, were sure indices of the need of legislation.

Mr. Foraker eulogized Judge Humphrey as an honest and brave man and said he had no doubt that he had decided the packers' case on its merits.

Mr. Tillman declared that he had not intended to criticize Judge Humphrey.

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